

City of Alexandria, Virginia



Armistead L. Boothe Park Field Conversion Resource Protection Area Exception

**Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing
April 15, 2021**



Agenda



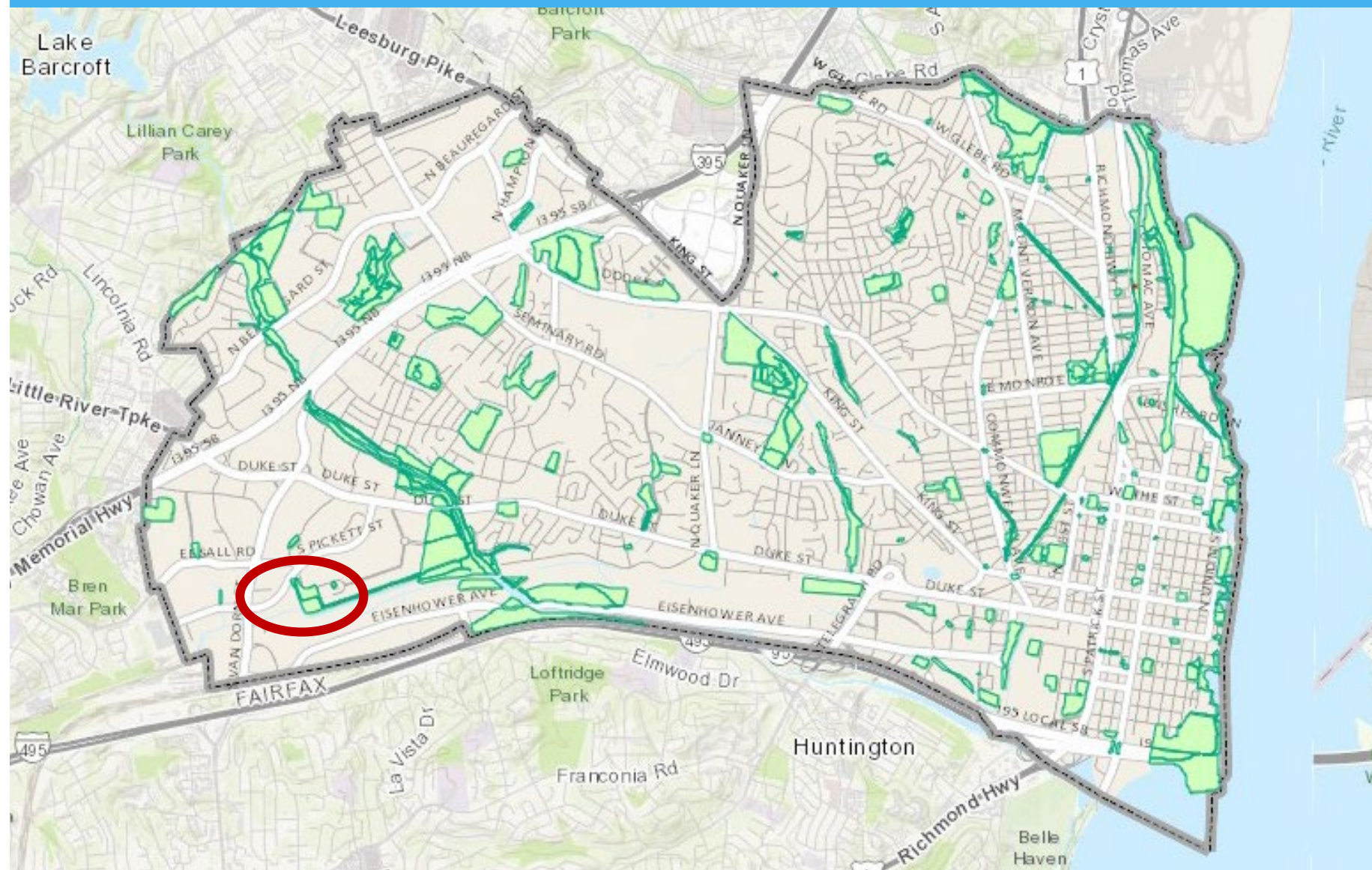
1. Staff Introductions and Purpose
2. Presentation
3. Commission Questions
4. Public Comments
5. Commission Discussion and Recommendation

Commission Actions



Commission to provide a recommendation on the Resource Protection Area (RPA) Exception for the Armistead L. Boothe Park Field Conversion.

Site Location



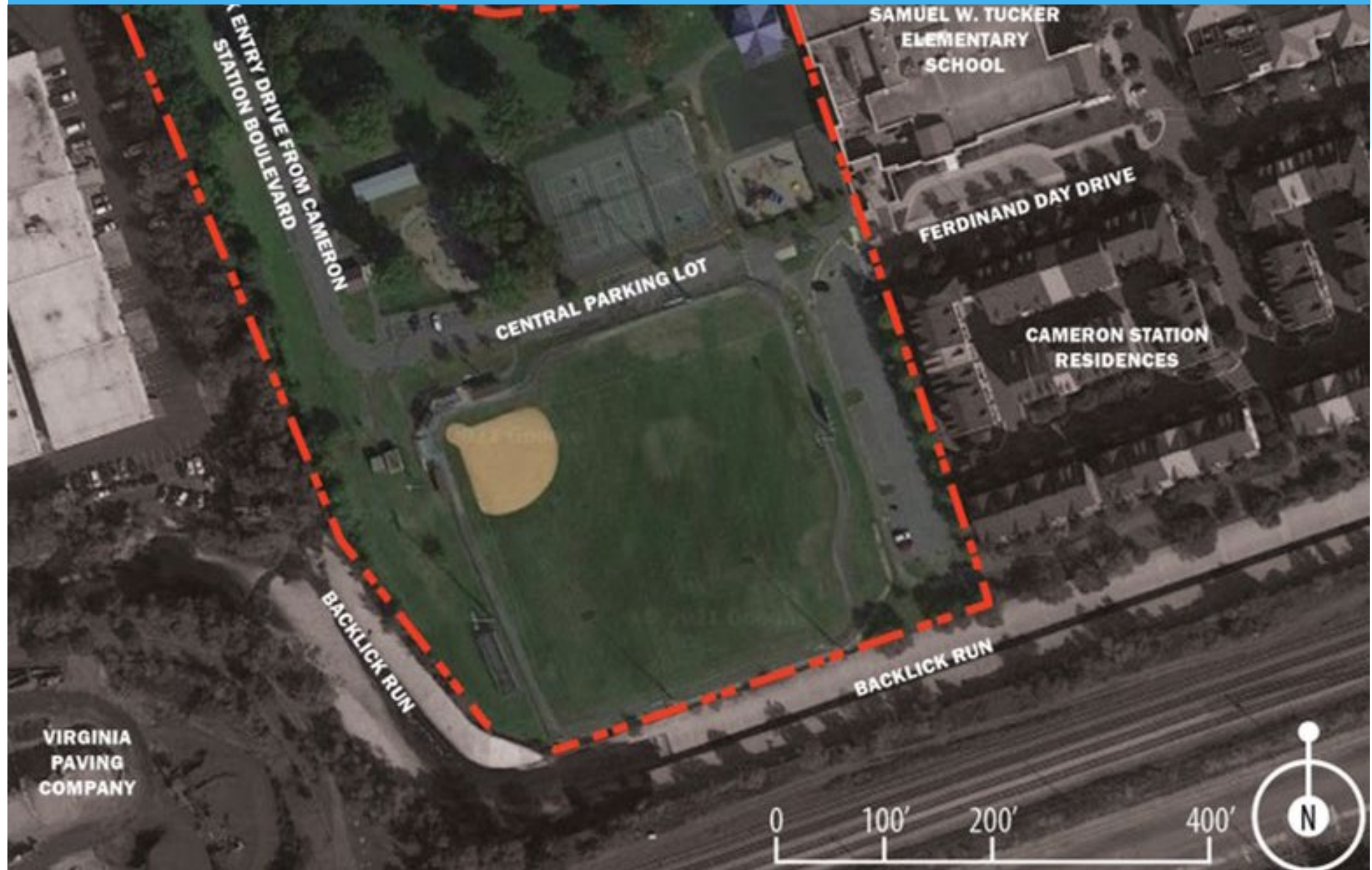


Project Background and Timing

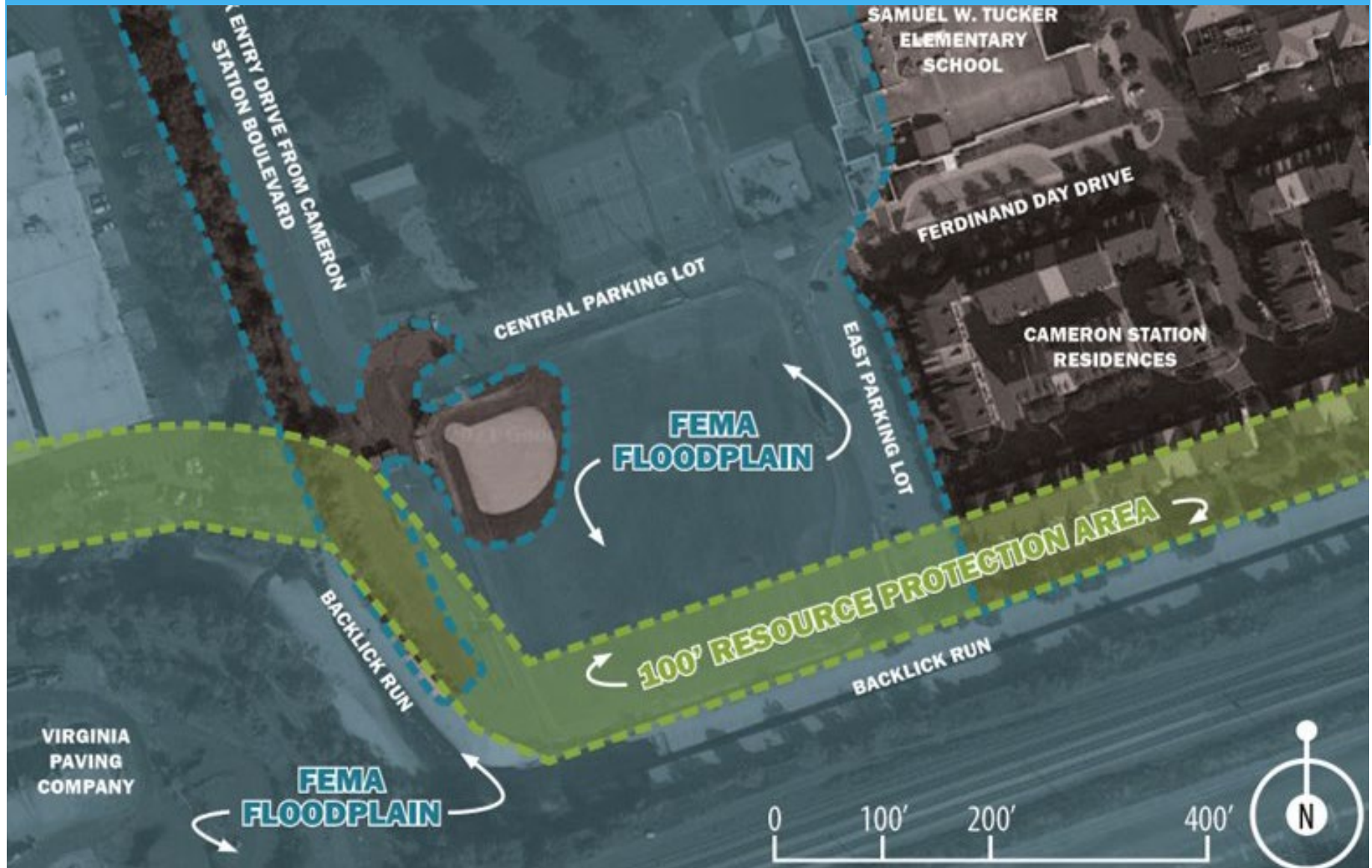
Project History

- October 2019 – City Council authorized Armistead L. Boothe Field Renovations and Synthetic Turf Conversion Project due to delayed completion of Patrick Henry synthetic field
- November 2020 – AMT was selected as landscape architect and civil engineer
- February 2021 – Community Meeting
- February 25 through March 10, 2021 – Community Survey
- March 2021 – Park and Recreation Commission Presentation
- **April 2021 – Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing**
- May 2021 – Environmental Policy Commission Meeting
- June 2021 – Planning Commission Public Hearing

Existing Conditions



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Resource Protection Area Exception



Staff is requesting an exception per Section 13-119(A) of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Exception Request must be processed as follows:

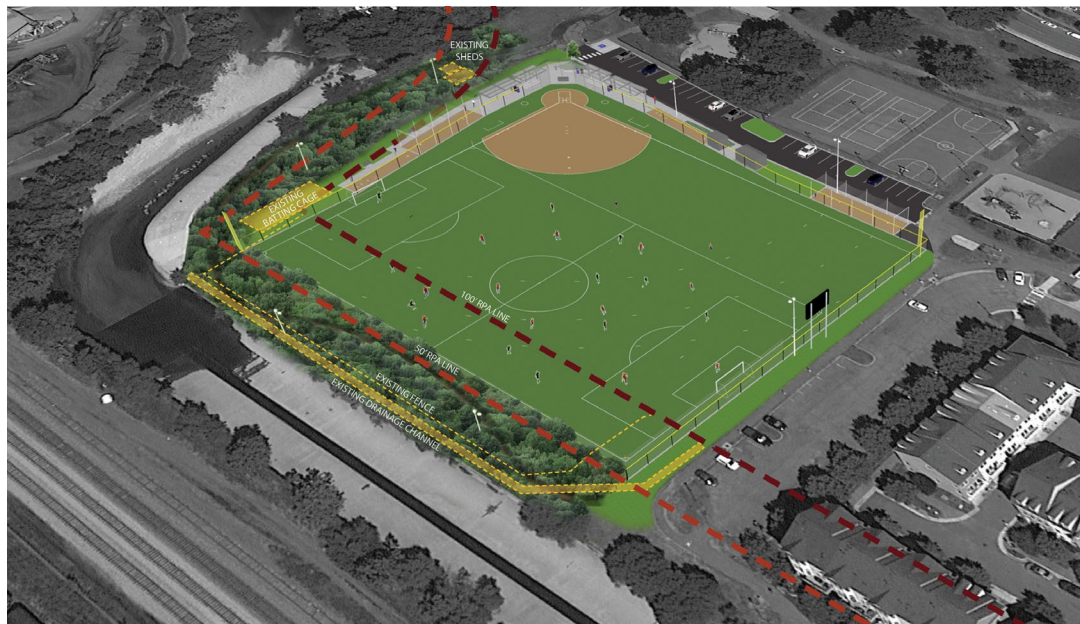
- (1) The applicant must submit a request for exception and a complete Water Quality Impact Assessment (WQIA) consistent with the requirements of Section 13-117 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- (2) City staff review the request and create a recommendation and a staff report for consideration during further review by other bodies.
- (3) The exception request and the staff recommendation must be presented to the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC).
- (4) The exception request must be presented to the Planning Commission for final determination.

Resource Protection Area Exception



City staff support the RPA Exception Request

- Unique Site Condition
- Exception Request meets the requirements of the Environmental Management Ordinance
- Mitigation package significantly improves site conditions and water quality



Community Public Comment Period



Community Comments received by April 14, 2021

All community comments received by the deadline are posted on the Commission website and were sent to the Park and Recreation Commissioners prior to the public hearing.

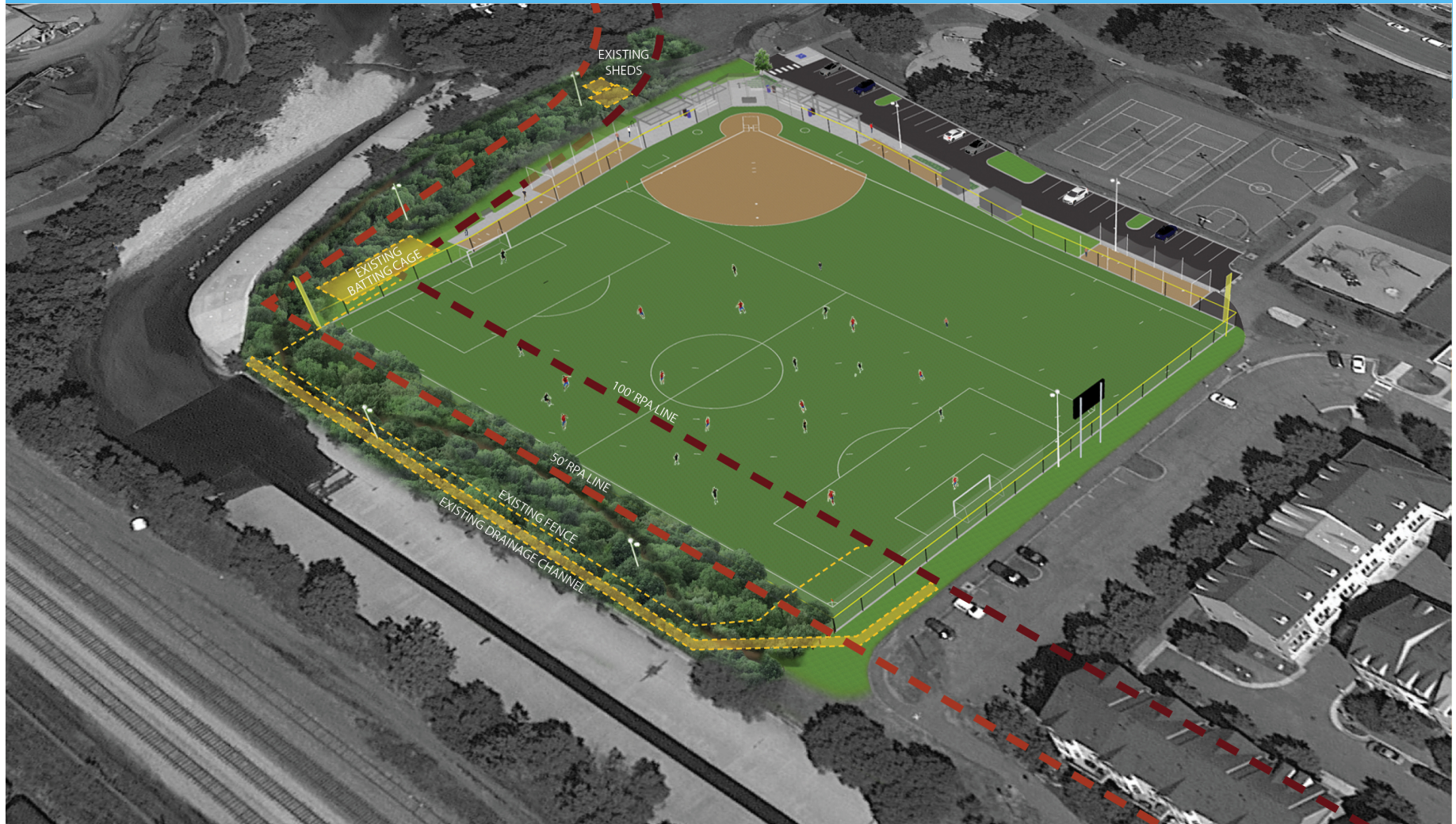
Comments and concerns:

- Questions regarding the type of material for field crumb fill
- Concerns with the encroachment on the RPA and floodplain
- If there is BMP treatment for water coming off the field
- Potential runoff from removing a pervious surface
- Existing water quality baseline and if water quality tests have been completed upstream on Backlick Run



Commission Questions

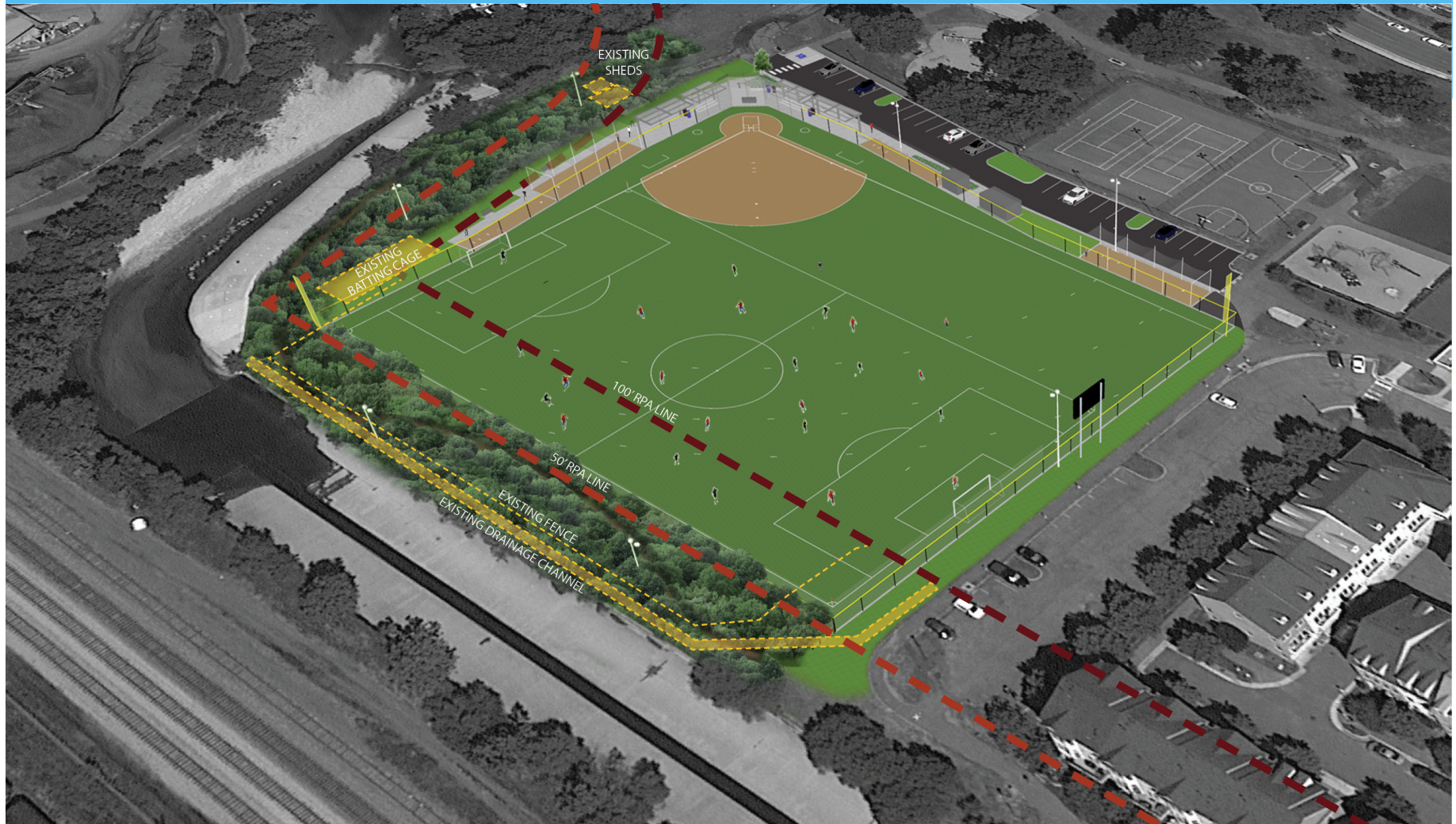
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Commission Discussion

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Additional information:

Armistead L. Boothe Park webpage

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/120293>

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